↑CUSTOMER NUMBER↑ 09/987.932 REQUEST Application No. FOR November 16, 2001 Filing Date CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) Kirkbride, et al First Named Inventor TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, 1764 Group Art Unit provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application J. Leung Examiner Name filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) 3495-7000US3 Atty Docket No. Confirmation No. This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice. Submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 Previously submitted Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iii Other: \square Enclosed i. 🖂 Amendment/Reply Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. Other: Petition & Fee for Extension of Time Miscellaneous Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. \$1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required) Other: h The RCE fee under C.F.R. \$1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. \$1.114 when the RCE is filed Fees The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 3405-7000US3. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §.1.17(e) Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17) Other h Check in the amount of \$ enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 3495-7000US3. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED Eric G. Wright 48.045 Name (Print/Type) Reg. No. (Atty/Agent)

Date

March 12, 2007

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1. Submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114			
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